

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER
DECEMBER 18, 2018
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order
Flag Salute, Moment of Silence

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public meeting. Notice was sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Borough website and the official bulletin board.

The Certified Election Results for the One-Year Term:

Lisa Rossillo: 3,323 votes

Xheladin Zeneli: 2,509 votes

Mayor Kelly administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Lisa Rossillo.

Assemblyman Auth presented a resolution to Mayor Kelly in recognition of the Mayor's father, who passed away in December.

Roll Call:

Council members: Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart (via phone)-present

Councilman Manna-absent

Mayor James J. Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Larry Bongard, our Recycling Coordinator, gave an informative presentation on what should and should not be recycled-“reduce, reuse, recycle”. Councilman LaBruno volunteered to work with Karen Valido to circulate the information to the public.

RSC Architects and Cumming, our project manager, gave a presentation on the New Municipal Complex. John Capazzi from RSC showed the final plans and renderings of the New Building. There is a parking lot and a separate police parking lot with. The building is three stories. The Police Department occupies the ground floor, 11,800 sq. ft. The Borough Hall offices occupy the second floor. The courtroom, which holds 157 seats, as well as the dais and everything connected with it are on the third floor. Also on this floor is the Fire Department office, Recreation office and storage area. Stephen Walter from Lehrer Cumming explained that we are close to going out to bid-the first week of January through the end of February. Construction is projected to start in March, 2019 and be completed the end of March, 2020. The current approximate total cost is \$19,400,000, which includes professional services, property acquisition and remediation, construction, furniture, storage and equipment. Security equipment and

telecommunication equipment are also included. The bond ordinance from May, 2017 was for \$15,400,000 so obviously the cost is now higher. There is additional square footage and additional half acre and construction costs have gone up since then. Also, trade conditions with steel and many other materials have caused the price to increase. There was also a need for a new police radio system. We are in a good position as far as bidding goes. The beginning of the year is a good competitive time for bids.

1. Tom Kelly, 70 Beacon Street, asked about the elevator, whether there is a Teen Center. Is there a plan for any historic architectural that could be saved? It was explained that if there was a prisoner, the elevator would be locked down. There is no teen center. Some of the pieces have been incorporated some of the pieces near the main entrance. Mr. Kelly stated that the earlier estimates included additional lots. He was told that demolition of the additional lots is factored in. The dispatch area is large enough to accommodate potential other towns. The demolition of the old building is close to starting. An all-clear report is a prerequisite to getting a demolition permit.

2. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked if there are solar panels, if there is an electronic sign, how \$19,000,000 will affect the residents and how many cars the police have. Mr. Walter said solar panels are not cost-beneficial. Mr. Capazzi explained that the building is handicap accessible. Councilman LaBruno stated there will be a meeting after the holidays regarding the tax increase. Chief Conner responded that there are nineteen vehicles to park in the police lot.

3. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, asked if contingency fees are included and will the police department have windows. The response was yes to contingency fees and to windows in the police department. The windowless spaces are only in storage rooms. There was discussion about the amount spent already from the original bond ordinance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the November 8, 2018 Executive Session minutes: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Motion to approve the November 20, 2018 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilwoman Rossillo

Roll call vote: Council members LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo-yes

Council members Di Paolo and Stewart-abstain

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#18-269 Endorsement of Submission of CDBG Grant Application for Quackenbush Avenue *

#18-270 Endorsement of Community Options Community Development Grant Application *

#18-271 Approval of Reappointment of Charlotte Tobias to the Board of Health *

#18-272 Approval of Reappointment of Gillian Menenzes to the Board of Health *

#18-273 Approval of Selzer School PTO Bingo Application to be held February 9, 2019; ID#109-5-37089; BL#525 *

#18-274 Approval of Renewal of Contract for Sustainable Communities Financial Consultants-\$42,000 annually *

#18-275 Ratification of Nominations of Police Promotions *

#18-276 Appointment of Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer (MHLEO) - \$5,243.70 * Councilman LaBruno confirmed that this is a requirement and was discussed with the Police Chief. Mr. Richards explained the State has eliminated the ASPCA and following discussion with the Chief, it was decided this was the best for the town.

#18-277 Transfer of 2018 Budget Appropriations *

#18-278 Approval of Extension of Lease for Borough Hall with Vanguard Enterprises-\$63,240 annually *

#18-279 Establishment of Dumont's 125th Anniversary Committee * Mayor Kelly said that so far, he and Councilwoman Stewart would be representing the Council and Rafael Riquelme and Tom Kelly would be resident members. He hopes to find two more residents. Anyone can come to meetings and come up with ideas. Having a fireworks display was discussed.

#18-280 Bills List *

Motion to open to the public for Consent Agenda items: Councilman LaBruno
Second: Councilwoman Stewart
All in favor.

1. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, questioned items in Resolution #277: police and special counsel. He asked about #278. Councilman deLyon asked for confirmation that we are now \$3,900,000 short.

2. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt Avenue, asked about the new format for the bills list. She asked questions about payments for JIF, Gregg Paster and Weichert Title. Councilman LaBruno explained that Mr. Paster had to finish the COAH documentation. Mr. Lafferty added that the court reached out to Mr. Paster directly and asked him to prepare the final form of judgement and compliance.

3. Karen Valido, Overlook Drive, questioned another bill from Mr. Paster for about \$780. She asked if she could have a list of the RFQ's received. The Municipal Clerk said she would email the information to her. She said she wanted to correct a statement she made previously about the firemen using fire vehicles for personal use. She has since learned that they are on call 24/7.

Motion to close: Councilman LaBruno
Second: Councilwoman Stewart
All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman LaBruno
Second: Councilman Di Paolo

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1554 An Ordinance to amend, revise and supplement Ordinance no. 1525 and its progenies as to the establishment of certain compensation ranges and related items for certain officers and employees

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilman LaBruno had asked the Municipal Clerk to check ranges in another town and the ranges were similar.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. deLyon, Beacon Street, questioned the number of custodians asked why the salary ordinance is for three years. Mr. Richards explained that they don't just work at Borough Hall. They work at the Police Department, the library, Borough Hall, Senior Center, Recreation and help the DPW. The new CFO wanted to do the ordinance for three years.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman LaBruno

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Mayor Kelly stated before the meeting is opened to the public for general comment, he would like everyone to understand that it is a comment period, not a question and answer period. If you have questions, you can email us at any time. You don't have to wait for meetings.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

1. Karen Valido would be willing to work with someone on the Council to inform residents about recycling.

2. Tom Kelly, Beacon Street, wondered whether there would be a motion to adopt the presentation on the building and the extra cost. The residents need tax relief; perhaps the Council could take another look to lower the cost of the building. There will be a loss of income from the W. Quackenbush properties. He brought up the comparison between renovation and construction of a new building. There could be unexpected costs.

3. Kevin Hughes, Andover Avenue, stated there are no crosswalks near D'Angelos so it is a safety issue. Mr. Richards said the road is a County road. He has been waiting for the person, who is in charge and has been on vacation, to get back to him. The teachers have no contract and he would hope the Governing Body would intercede and bring both parties together. He feels the girls' fields are a lower quality than the boys'. They can't use the parking lot at Gina's Field. Mr. Richards said Gina's Field is in the process of being renovated.

4. Bruce deLyon, Beacon Street, said he has recently requested a fair amount of

OPRA requests. OPRA #443-Mr. Richards' resolution did not state all the information in his contract. OPRA #436-the Asplint shed didn't receive permits right away. The block and lot are wrong. The DPW Superintendent received quotes for the fence but then rolling gates were added on a quote. OPRA #437-the parking lot, 1105,14, is Green Acres. He complained there is no transparency. He asked that a resolution be introduced stating all contracts be attached to the resolution in the future.

5. Michael Sullivan, Andover Avenue, asked when the calendars will be received. He asked who is paying for traffic control at D'Angelo's. The Mayor reminded him this is a comment period.

6. Maryanne Russini, Roosevelt, asked if the parking lot at Gina's Field is Green Acres. Mr. Richards replied that it is. Ms. Russini feels we should be proactive so that Asplint doesn't end up suing us. The DEP is looking for the new lease. She expects an update at the second meeting in January.

7. Michael Sullivan, said since someone's question was answered, he wants his question about traffic control answered. Chief Conner, who was present at the meeting, explained that it depends on the project. There are projects that Garden Homes is doing for the town for free. As a result, police officers have been placed at these projects without charging them. The projects we are working with Garden Homes specifically for the D'Angelo's project, are being paid for by the developer. If there is work done by outside vendors like Suez, the vendor is billed directly and they will pay the overtime rate established by ordinance.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Mayor Kelly thanked Councilman Di Paolo and Councilman Riquelme for their service since this is their last meeting.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss acquisition of property/potential litigation.

Motion: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Di Paolo

Roll call vote: Council members Di Paolo, LaBruno, Riquelme, Rossillo, Stewart-yes

Following closed session, motion to go back into public: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman LaBruno

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC
Municipal Clerk